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1. BISSAU PRESS DISPATCH DATED JUNE 25 REPORTS THAT PAIGC'S "HIGH COUNCIL FOR THE STRUGGLE" IS CURRENTLY MEETING, WITH SPECULATION THAT SUBJECT ON AGENDA ARE CAPE VERDE CONSTITUTION ("WHICH NATIONAL POPULAR ASSEMBLY WILL HAVE TO APPROVE AT THE TIME OF PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE") AND FUTURE OF CAPE VERDE/GUINEA-BISSAU RELATIONS.

2. INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES: ARTICLE ALSO STATES PAIGC'S INVITEES TO INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION ARE STILL UNKNOWN (REFTEL). PAIGC LEADER ARISTIDES PEREIRA DECLINED TO IDENTIFY EVEN PORTUGUESE GUESTS. ONLY INFORMATION PAIGC IS PROVIDING STATES GUESTS WILL INCLUDE -- IN ACT OF SOLIDARITY WITH NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS -- CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS LINKED TO PAIGC'S INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE (AS UN AND OAU), FRIENDLY AFRICAN STATES, AND "PROGRESSIVE FORCES" IN WORLD.

3. PAIGC'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: SAME ARTICLE GAVE FOLLOWING DETAILS ON PAIGC'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:
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A. HIGH COUNCIL FOR THE STRUGGLE -- PAIGC'S SUPREME BODY,

HAVING 85 MEMBERS, ORDINARILY CONVOKED ONCE PER YEAR BY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE STRUGGLE;
B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE STRUGGLE -- HAVING 24 MEMBERS,
ACTS IN LIEU FOR HIGH COUNCIL;
C. CONGRESS -- MEETS ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS; ITS
RESPONSIBILITIES ARE ASSUMED BY HIGH COUNCIL DURING INTERVALS
BETWEEN MEETINGS.

4. CV DELEGATION TO HIGH COUNCIL MEETING: CAPE VERDIAN
DELEGATION TO CURRENT, SPECIAL SESSION OF HIGH COUNCIL IS LED
BY PEDRO PIRES ("CURRENTLY PARTY'S NUMBER FIVE MAN"). OTHERS
IDENTIFIED WERE: ABILIO DUARTE OLIVIO PIRES, OSVALDO LOPES DA
SILVA, CARLOS LEIS, AND AFONSO GOMES.
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